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SUBJ: US-USSR COOPERATION IN SPACE: APOLLO-SOYUZ JOINT
CREW TOUR OF USA; ADDITION OF EMBASSY P AND C OFFICER TO
US OFFICIAL PARTY FOR TOUR IN USSR; ITINERARY FOR TOUR IN
USSR

REF: A) STATE 194661, B) MOSCOW 11674, C) MOSCOW 11651

1. NASA INFORMED DEPARTMENT MORNING AUGUST 19 OF LIKELY
POSTPONEMENT OF JOINT CREW TOUR OF USA. REASON IS THAT
SLAYTON FOUND TO HAVE LUNG LESION AND IS SCHEDULED TO ENTER
HOSPITAL ON AUGUST 25 FOR SURGERY ON AUGUST 26. LESION
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NOT THOUGHT TO BE FLIGHT RELATED.

2. DONNELLY INFORMED VERESHCHETIN OF ABOVE AUGUST 19 AND
ASKED THAT US TOUR BE POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER USSR TOUR TO

ALLOW SLAYTON TO PARTICIPATE IN BOTH AFTER SURGERY. UNDER REVISION, USSR TOUR WOULD PROCEED AS ALREADY SCHEDULED. VERESHCHETIN SAW NO PROBLEM WITH ABOVE REVISION BUT STATED HE WOULD HAVE TO CHECK FURTHER.

3. IN CONVERSATION WITH HONNELLY, VERESHCHETIN INDICATED HE HAD NOT RECEIVED INFORMATION TO BE PASSED TO HIM IN STATE 195441.(REF A).

4. NASA WILL ISSUE SOON PUBLIC STATEMENT ON MATTERS OF SLAYTON'S CONDITION AND TOUR POSTPONEMENT.

5. NASA AND DEPARTMENT BELIEVE TWO IS APPROPRIATE LIMIT FOR DOS/EMBASSY PARTICIPATION IN US OFFICIAL PARTY FOR USSR TOUR. NASA WOULD NOT WELCOME--BECAUSE OF ADDED COSTS--SOVIET REQUEST FOR 3 PLACES ON US TOUR WHICH WOULD CERTAINLY BE PROMPTED BY SUCH A US REQUEST.

6. DUE TO SLAYTON'S PROSPECTIVE SURGERY AND PROBABLE MEDICAL REQUIREMENT TO EASE ACTIVITY IN POST OPERATIVE PERIOD, NASA NOT ANXIOUS TO PRESS FOR ADDING THE 4 CITIES NAMED IN REF (A) TO USSR ITINERARY. DEPARTMENT WILL PASS EMBASSY'S SUGGESTIONS FOR USSR TOUR RELATED EVENTS (REF C) TO NASA.

7. PLEASE SLUG FUTURE ASTP JOINT CREW TOUR MESSAGES FOR ACTION EUR/SOV. KISSINGER

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